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In re Application of:)
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Application No. 09/866,838) Group Art Unit: 2881
Filed: May 30, 2001) Examiner: Gurzo, P.
For: POSITIONING STAGE WITH)
STATIONARY ACTUATORS)

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension of time and payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 6, lines 3-16, please amend the paragraph, as follows:

The positional stage of the invention is designed to minimize the movement of these magnetic components during the exposure of the article. In one embodiment, the support platform is moved in the X-direction while the electron beam is deflected away or shielded from